



AN ATTRACTIVE RELATIVE OF THE MAGNOLIAS. (*MICHELIA EXCELSA*  
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As ornamental plants for the warmer portions of the United States the various species of magnolias have acquired great and well-deserved popularity, and it may be expected that *Michelia excelsa*, which belongs to the same family and whose handsome flowers are here shown, will some day be widely cultivated in the southernmost parts of this country. This tall tree is native in the temperate Himalayas of northeastern India at altitudes of about 5,000 feet. The large narrow leaves are silky brown beneath, and the beautiful white flowers are 4 to 5 inches across. (Photographed by J. F. Rock in northeastern India, in 1920; P22780FS.)